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24.1-02-01-01. Definitions - Electrical.

The terms used throughout this title have the same meaning as in the National Electrical Code except:

1. "Correction order", also marked as FS, indicates a correction is necessary before installation will be considered approved by the board. It means a notice, written by an electrical inspector to the person responsible for the electrical installation, stating violations and noncompliance of rules and regulations as listed shall be corrected within a designated time.
2. "E-cert" is an electronic version of a wiring certificate.
3. "Kitchen" means an area where food is prepared that includes a sink and one or more permanent cooking appliances.
4. "Service" means the conductors and equipment for delivering electric energy from the serving utility to the wiring system of the premises served.
5. "Service point" means the point of demarcation between the serving utility and the premises wiring. The service point is the point on the wiring system where the serving utility ends and the premises wiring begins. The serving utility generally specifies the location of the service point.
6. "Wiring certificate" means a document consisting of one or more copies that certifies electrical wiring and equipment was installed on premises and was done in strict compliance with all the provisions of North Dakota Century Code chapter 43-09 and all the requirements of the board.

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24.1-02-01-02. General statement of policy and interpretative rules.

1. Purpose and scope. The purpose of these standards is the practical safeguarding of persons and of buildings and building contents from electrical hazards arising from the use or control of electricity for light, heat, power, and control thereof, fire detection systems, and power limited systems. It covers the electrical and power limited installations and associated equipment necessary for its safe operation.
2. These standards, based on the National Electrical Code, are the result of years of experience and research to meet the demand for uniform standards to govern electrical and power limited systems wiring in North Dakota, and provide basic rules for intelligent and uniform installation and inspection.

3. All requirements contained herein must be given careful consideration to ensure greatest permanence, convenience, and safety. These standards do not constitute a design specification for any particular installation, or an instruction manual for untrained individuals. Skill and experience are necessary factors for a safe and adequate wiring installation. Whenever these requirements differ or are in conflict with the requirements of the NFPA 70 2026 edition, National Electrical Code (first version, printed in 2025) and NFPA 101 2024 edition Life Safety Code®, and applicable articles in locally adopted codes or North Dakota State Building Code pertaining to fire detection, fire alarms, fire communications, and smoke detectors, the more restrictive requirements are the minimum.
4. Severability. If any section, sentence or clause, or provision of this chapter or the applicability thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of this chapter and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances are not affected thereby.

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24.1-02-01-03. Administrative powers and duties.

1. The executive director, under the direction of the board, shall administer laws, rules, and wiring standards of this state, the electrical requirements of the NFPA 70 2026 edition, National Electrical Code (first version, printed in 2025) and NFPA 72, 101, 110 2024 edition Life Safety Code®, and applicable articles in locally adopted codes or North Dakota State Building Code pertaining to fire detection, fire alarms, fire communications, and smoke detectors. Whenever any action is taken by the executive director to enforce the provisions of any sections contained in these electrical regulations, the NFPA 70 2026 edition, National Electrical Code (first version, printed in 2025) and NFPA 101 2024 edition Life Safety Code®, such acts must be done in the name of and on behalf of the state.
2. The electrical regulations of these standards, the NFPA 70 2026 edition, National Electrical Code (first version, printed in 2025) and NFPA 101 2024 edition Life Safety Code®, may be modified or waived by special permission in particular cases when such modification or waiver is specifically permitted or in particular cases when an advancement in the technology of electricity makes such modification or waiver advisable in the best interest of the people of North Dakota. Such "special permission", in all cases, must be obtained from the executive director in writing before the commencement of the work.
3. Whenever the board is authorized or mandated by law to inspect an electrical installation, the inspector may enter upon land for the purpose of conducting the inspection. Except in emergency circumstances, the inspector shall request permission from the property owner or agent before entering a dwelling, other building, or other place so enclosed as manifestly to exclude intruders. If the landowner refuses to give permission, the board may request the district court of the district containing the property for an order authorizing the inspector to enter the property to conduct the inspection. Emergency circumstances include situations presenting imminent danger to health, safety, or property.

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